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SUBJECT: LORENZ KIDNAPPING: AERO-AMERICA CHARTER POSSIBILITY

1. FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH ALLIED LIAISON OFFICERS AT 7:00 P.M. MARCH 1, (SEPTEL) SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ MET PRIVATELY WITH US LIAISON OFFICER TO REPORT THAT US CARRIER AERO-AMERICA HAD OFFERED PROVIDE BOEING 727 (SIC) WITH EXPERIENCED CREW TO FLY SIX BAADER-MEINHOF GANG MEMBERS TO THEIR DESTINATION IF SENAT AGREES TO MEET LORENZ KIDNAPPER DEMANDS. ACCORDING TO HER/, PLANE TO BE READY TO FLY MARCH 2; WITH SIX B-M PEOPLE AND ALBERTZ, IT WOULD HAVE SAME RANGE AS BEOING 707. HERZ VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OFFER.

2. GIVEN USG ATTITUDE OF NEITHER ENCOURAGING NOR DISCOURAGING US CARRIERS ACCEPT CHARTER TRANSPORT B-M PEOPLE FROM BERLIN, MOST RECENTLY CONVEYED TO GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ BY MINISTER ON FEB 28 KMUSBERLI, EULIN HERZ ASKED WHETHER US WOULD APPROVE AERO-AMERICA TAKING ON B-M FLIGHT, AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER ALLIED CAAS IN BONN COULD INTERPOSE OBJECT.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AERO-AMERICA'S BERLIN MANAGER THAT HE HAS SUGGESTED TO SENAT USE OF AERO-AMERICA'S BOEING 720 PRSENTLY ON GROUND AT TEGEL. SENAT RESPONDED POSITIVELY AND MANAGER SOUGHT APPROVAL OF COMPANY HEADQUARTERS IN SEATTLE AND AERO-AMERICA PRESIDENT EISENBERG, WHO IN PARIS. MOST IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT 720 ARE THAT ITS RANGE SAME AS 707 AND THAT 720 IS FOUR-MOTORED AIRCRAFT WITH SIMILAR CONFIGURATION TO 707

4. AERO-AMERICAN PRESENDENT EISENBERG HAS INFORMED MISSION BY TELEPHONE:

A. AERO-AMERICA WILLING UNDERTAKE FLIGHT;

B. MAINTENANCE CREW FOR 720 SCHEDULED ARRIVE BERLIN 1230 (LOCAL) MARCH 2; AND

C. AIR CREW FOR 720 CANNOT REACH BERLIN BEFORE 1300 (LOCAL) MARCH 3.
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5. IN ADDITION, PANAM WILLING ASSIST AERO-AMERICA READY PLANE FOR FLIGHT, FAA INSPECTOR FROM FRANKFURT COMING BERLIN 1500 (LOCAL) MARCH 2 TO SUPERVISE SAFETY INSPECTION, AND US CAA IN BONN ALREADY HAS IN HAND NECESSARY INSURANCE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS IMMEDIATELY TO AUTHORIZE AERO-AMERICA TO MAKE FLIGHTS IN BCZ AND AIR CORRIDORS.

6. LIAISON OFFICER THUS TOLD HERZ AT 2300 MARCH 1
THAT US WOULD NOT INTER-POSE OBJECTION TO USE OF AERO-MAERICAN
CHARTER BUT
POINTED OUT TIMING DIFFICULTIES. HERZ EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND
SAID THAT, DESPITE TIMING PROBLEMS, THIS POSSIBILITY GAVE SENAT
GREATER FLEXIBILITY THAN HERETOFORE IN NEGOTIATING WITH
KIDNAPPERS.

7. AERO-AMERICA SEATTLE OFFICE HAS JUST INFORMED MISSION
THAT VOLUNTEER CREW OF FOUR IS PREPARING TO DEPART FOR BERLIN. GEORGE

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